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REMARKS

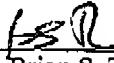
Claims 6-12, 15-17 and 20 remain in this application. Claims 1, 3-5, 13 and 14 are cancelled. Claims 17 and 20 are amended to include the limitations of claim 1, from which they depended. Claim 8 has been indicated as allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-7, 9-17 and 20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 and 9-18 of U.S. Patent No. 5,807,318. Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer for the above patent to obviate the rejection, and request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 13 and 14 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wright (U.S. Patent No. 5,135,484) and rejected claims 1, 3-5, 13 and 14 as being unpatentable over Schjeldahl (U.S. Patent No. 4,456,000). To advance prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 3-5, 13 and 14, without prejudice to pursuing the same or similar claims in a continuing application, thereby mooted the rejections.

Applicants submit that no additional fee is due. The Commissioner is granted permission to charge any required fee to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 10-0750/HRT0241/BST. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned in the event a discussion would advance the prosecution of this application.

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